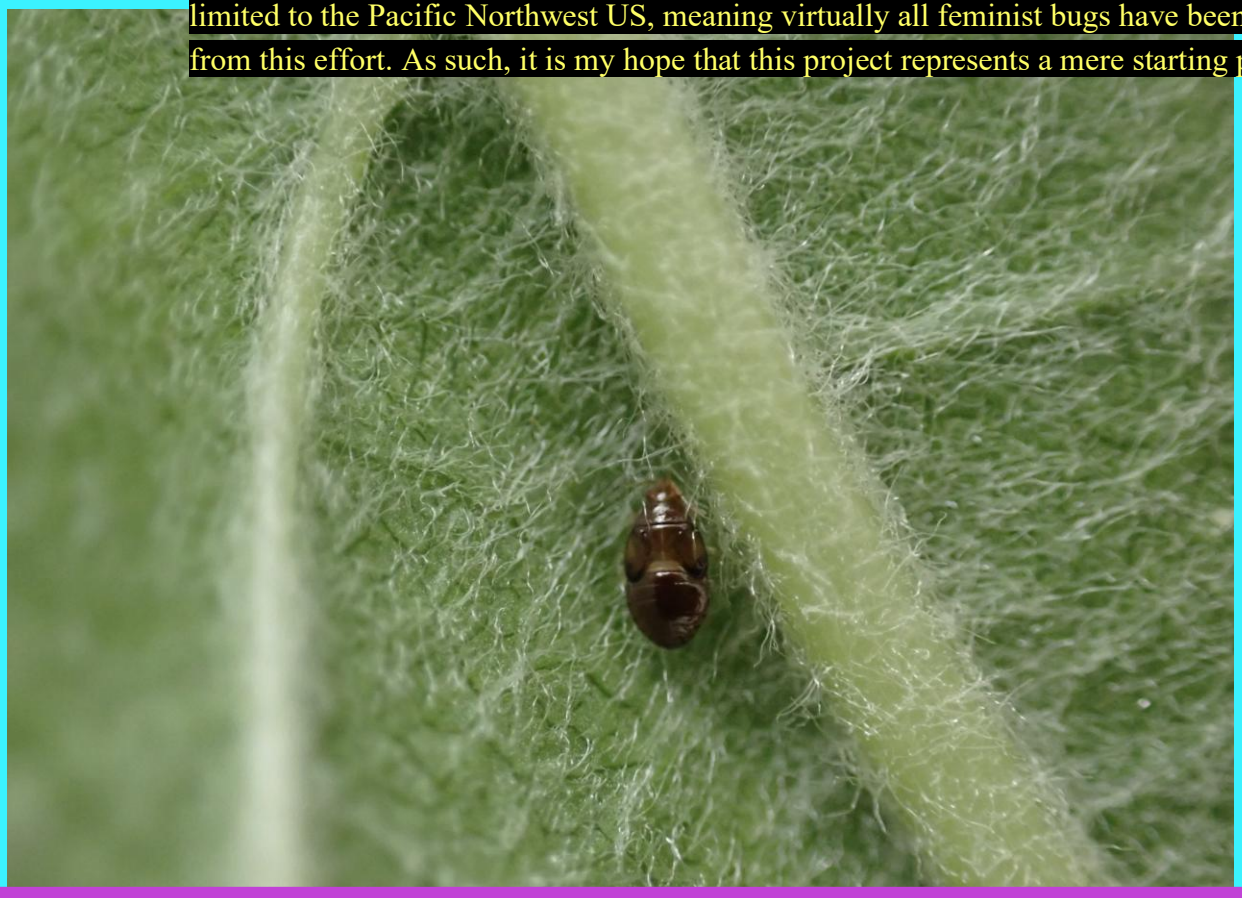
FEMINIST BUGS

of 2025

This is an insidious flower bug, the FIRST FEMINIST BUG of 2025

I have documented every bug I observed attending feminist events in 2025. We can infer these equally valid beings share our positions on any number of topics. Unfortunately, my studies were limited to the Pacific Northwest US, meaning virtually all feminist bugs have been excluded from this effort. As such, it is my hope that this project represents a mere starting point.



THE FIRST FEMINIST BUGS OF 2025 were found at **OREGAIA**. This is a **CAMPING-BASED EXCURSION** which took place during a **TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR**. We were staying in a hotel due to inadequate **DISABLITY ACCOMMODATIONS** on site, so it was wonderful and a little exotic for us to enjoy during the day. The actual campers were **VERY BEDRAGGLED**. At one point my girlfriend and I were firmly scolded for joking about **TRENCHFOOT**, with the implication that our thoughts and speech hold power, and it was in the interest of the entire group for the scolder to intervene quickly before we **MANIFESTED TRENCHFOOT**. We were all urged to speak about more **POSITIVE TOPICS**. The conversation quickly died.

I think the top one is a **MINUTE BROWN SCAVENGER BEETLE**. I know it looks dead, but that's just what they look like when they're walking on all the little leaf hairs. It's pitiful. The bottom one is a **TWENTY-SPOTTED LADY BEETLE**. I found both of them underneath leaves on the trees near the water pump.

This is fluff wart lichen, I think.

It’s my favorite!

It was on the trail to the creek.

This is a very wet yellow-faced bumblebee.

You can see she is struggling to keep a positive attitude.

I was later informed forcefully online that there is only one kind of banana slug in Oregon, the Pacific Banana Slug. This one is a feminist! I am forced to assume the snail is, as well.

This is a dwarf spider (maybe!) that I saw at the tables. My girlfriend was serving the apple fritter around this time! I didn't get any, because I was doing my own thing. She didn't make the fritter and wasn't on any volunteer shift (we barely attended). She just really wanted to serve it.

This is a margined calligrapher fly. I see them a lot at home. The really interesting thing is, this one is a member of the lesbian festival community.

This is a moth! It's a plume moth. Here, we celebrate her unusual proportions so intensely that normal looking moths start to feel kind of left out.

These are western box elder bug eggs...probably. Most delicious-looking bug egg I've encountered personally. It seems feminism begins at conception.

This is... a fly! The fly guys have not logged on and told me which one yet. Fly identification in particular seems to be a very male-dominated field. Must be very frustrating for this one, which is a practicing lesbian feminist.

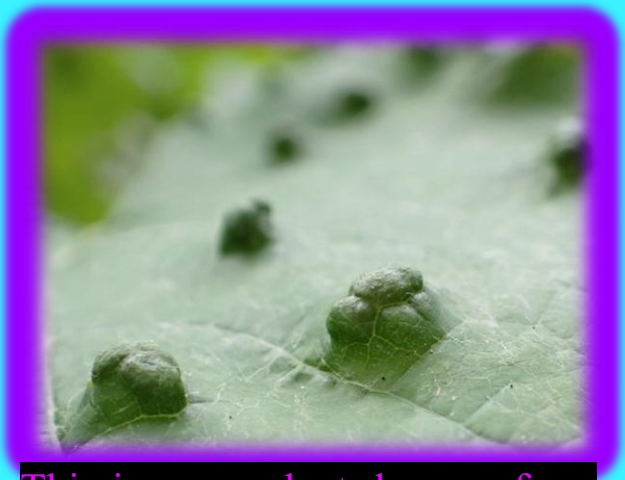
This is the final feminist bug from Oregaia. Don't get too excited!

It's just a western boxelder bug. They are basically the "normal bug" in Oregon and elsewhere. Most of us have had it up to here with them, but including this type of character is an important part of our movement.

These next feminist bugs are from the 50th anniversary celebration at beautiful herstoric Steppingwoods. There was amazing live music and we forget to bring cash for the artists, but we mailed it as soon as we got home. Sorry, feminism.

Well, this is an ant. The ant people are very busy, and even though this event took place many months ago, they have not had time for me yet. Just know that she is a feminist.

This is a spotted cucumber bug. Steppingwoods has an amazing garden, I am sure there are ample cucumbers for them. As usual, we were sort of sleepy and missed most of the event 😀



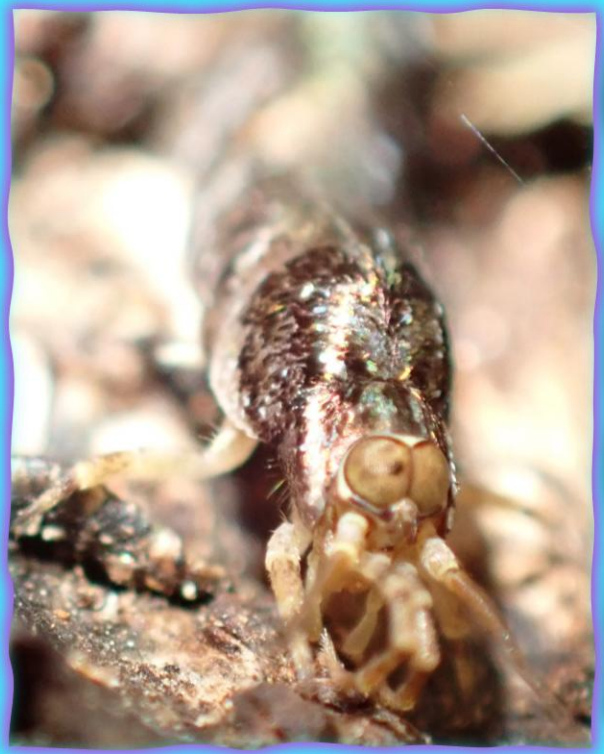
This is some plant damage from gall mites! I think it's on their incredibly powerful grapevines, which I'm sure did not mind at all.

I was thwarted by this plant bug.

You'll note it did not hold still.

This rocked. One of the trees had liverwort, lungwort, pelt lichen, and moss growing together. I also finally saw a new (to me) rock bristletail!! I see the same one all the time in my region and it was starting to infuriate me.

The ones I see normally are machilinus and they're mostly around in the dirt or on rocks, but this one is machiloides, it has awesome camouflage for trees, where it was. Very very exciting.



The music was so good and everyone was dancing. They were going hard. I found a leafhopper assassin bug on a very tall sunflower! I could barely reach so the pictures are terrible, but this is my first leafhopper assassin bug, so it was still very exciting.

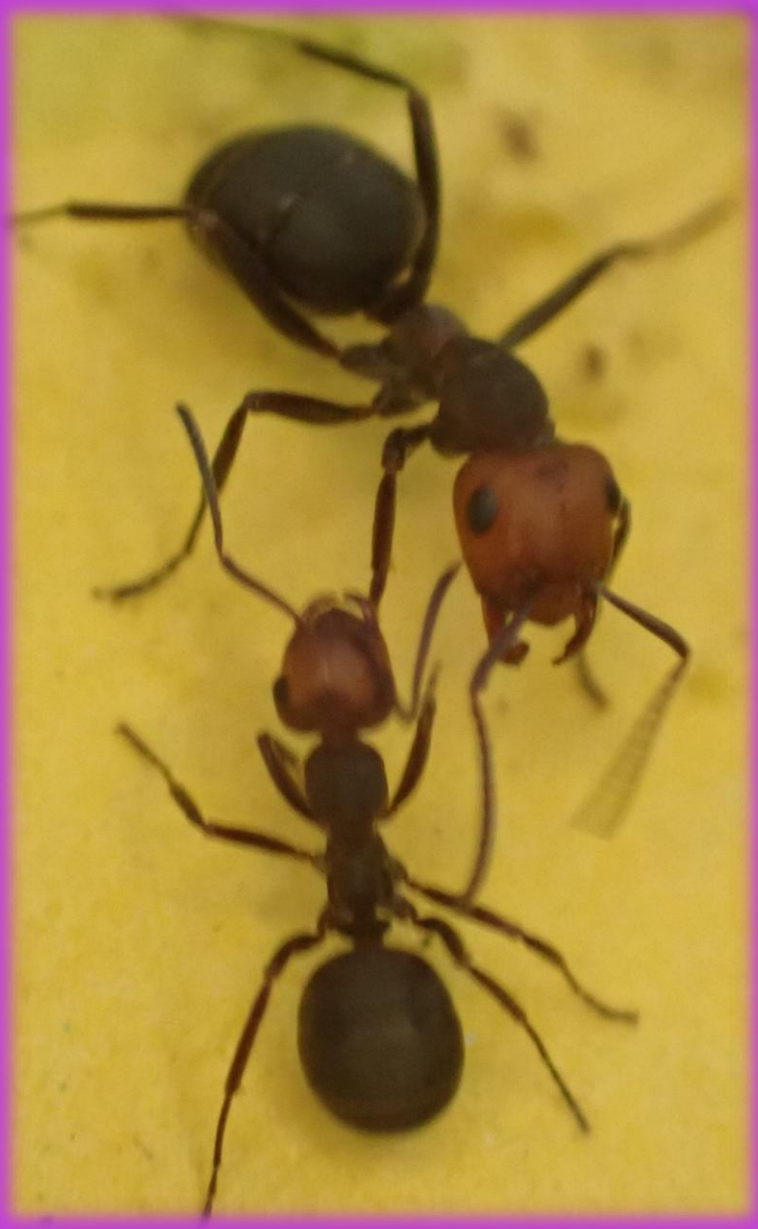
The **FINAL** feminist bug from the 50th anniversary party! This is an osbornellus leafhopper. I find leafhoppers very boring so I made this one pink as self-care (and purple liverwort, so that it has somewhere to live).

The FINAL feminist bugs of 2025 are from Pinwheel. We had already shot our shot for the year doing 2 other things but they had a lot of late cancellations, including an accessible room, and their deposits are non-refundable. We heard we could come for $0 and get a room. Since the gas to get there was equivalent to how much restaurant food we would typically buy over that many days otherwise, this made it effectively completely free. It's the best it's ever been and by far the most fun we had this year at an event this year😀

That being said, the first and most important bug of Pinwheel is TERMITES! These are pacific dampwood termites. Dampwood termites don't do a lot of structural damage, as the resident lesbian feminist building inspector informed many curious minds.

This is a triphosa moth that was up on the wall inside. Lots of wide open doors at all hours blurring the lines between outside and inside- very desirable

THE MOUND!!!!



These are... well... ants! I don't know 😳 They are probably mound ants of some kind, because of the mound they made. Very satisfying amount of **TEEMING.**

This is a Sierra Dome spider, which is fun because we are not near the Sierras. I saw them closer other times and was like this makes so much sense! But I guess it was a coincidence and they do whatever they want. Now that's feminist!

Green lacewing! Both of these are from the trail between the cabins and the main area, which I only went on recreationally because I get to sleep in the amazing bedroom of my beautiful disabled girlfriend. I didn't know they ever stuck stuff to themselves, I never see that where I live. Could this be it? The ultimate feminist form of adornment?

It feels like a lot of bugs are the most feminist bug ever, but this American Yellowjacket really might be. She was able to share tuna extremely amicably for a long time. Later, she exercised discernment and chose to enjoy the rest of her meal in a tree nearby. She struggled to carry her giant tuna bite, but was clearly unashamed of the hearty meal she desired, and ultimately managed to accomplish this laborious task alone. She lives communally, but enjoys afternoons eating with new friends or on her own. Less charismatic American Yellowjacket also pictured, for comparison.

I liked how far this slug stretched out. Not a slug person, but this one has its merits. This I think is on the cement pad by the front door to the main building.

Bark lice are kind of repugnant but I'm always thrilled to see one. I love staring blankly into bark until one becomes apparent. Once they're there, I quickly grow to resent them.

I really fought like hell to spend time with this spider. This is from near where we do the circles. It really did not want to spend time with me. Feminist!

Honorary Feminist Bug Cyanobacteria

It was really hard to get a picture of the flies on the lilypads because I was floating in the water and like, bobbing. Nobody ever told me which kind. Flies are tricky.

These are corbicula, some kind of basket clam. I don't know 😜

This is a brown marmorated stink bug. This is THE stink bug. You can get very tired of these.

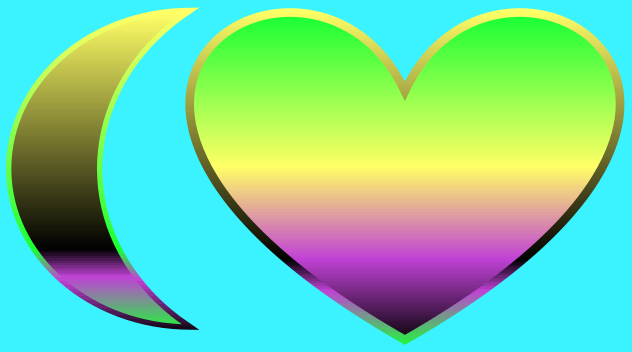
I think this is a normal vs appallingly bad picture of the same bug, which is kind of fun. Mesovelia, some kind of water treader.

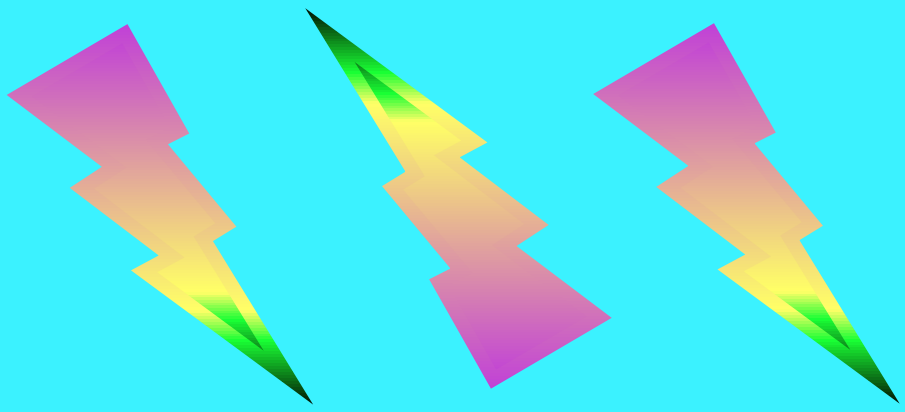
This is both down in the water. The little spider is some orbweaver, the other is a plant bug Kitty got the pictures of. It sucks when that happens because you have to fully go take it out. The rocks hurt my wet feet. It's so awesome Pinwheel has lake access. We had a really nice time swimming :D

I was trying to get a picture of the normal sized, pretty , normal sized spider to the left and did not even see the incredibly exact same spider like an inch from my hand. They're stretch spiders, tetragnatha versicolor. I see them a lot in my area too but I've never seen them as big as the big one above.

THE SNAILS! Nobody ever came around to tell me what kind. Who knows???

This is the prettiest spider. She's a cross orbweaver. Feminist fact: she was easy for a spider person to identify for me because of her epigynum- a sort of make-do spider **VAGINA!**





Okay, that's every single practicing lesbian feminist bug I was able to document for science in 2025. I know there are more. We are everywhere. I will never stop looking for beautiful women to make friends with.